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special cash collateral accounts, retirement accounts, personal vehicles, household goods, and small tools and equipment such as hand tools, power lawn mowers.

(i) *Requirements for security.* (1) For loans over \$25,000, title clearance is required when real estate is taken as security.

(2) For loans of \$25,000 or less, when real estate is taken as security, a certification of ownership in real estate is required. Certification of ownership may be in the form of an affidavit which is signed by the applicant, naming the record owner of the real estate in question and listing the balances due on all known debts against the real estate. Whenever the loan approving official is uncertain of the record owner or debts against the real estate security, a title search is required.

(j) *Taking Indian Trust lands as security.* The Agency may take a lien on Indian Trust lands as security provided that the requirements of § 1943.19(a)(7) of this title are satisfied.

§ 764.9 Appraisal and valuation requirements.

(a) *Establishing value for real estate.* Real estate appraisals conducted pursuant to this part may be completed by designated appraisers or contract appraisers and shall conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice guidelines and standards in accordance with § 761.7 of this chapter.

(b) *Establishing value for agricultural commodities and equipment.* Valuations of agricultural commodities and equipment shall be established as follows:

(1) The security value of the annual agricultural commodities production (excluding livestock) will be 100 percent of the amount loaned for annual operating and essential family household expenses, or the amount of expected crop revenue, excluding farm program and insurance payments, whichever is lower.

(2) The value of livestock and equipment will be the market value as determined by the Agency in accordance with § 761.7 of this chapter.

(c) *Assets damaged by the disaster.* In the case of farm assets damaged by the disaster, the value of such security

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shall be established as of the day before the disaster occurred.

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§ 764.10 Insurance for loan security.

(a) *Adequacy of insurance.* An applicant must obtain insurance, consistent with this section, equal to the lesser of the value of the security at the time of loan closing, or the principal of the loan.

(b) *Hazard insurance.* All security (except growing crops) must be covered by hazard insurance if it is readily available (*i.e.* sold by insurance agents in the applicants normal trade area) and economically feasible.

(c) *Flood or mudslide insurance.* Real estate security located in flood or mudslide prone areas, as determined by the Agency, must be covered by flood or mudslide insurance.

(d) *Crop insurance—(1) Requirement to obtain crop insurance.* Except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, prior to closing the loan, the applicant must have obtained at least the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance coverage for the crop during the crop year for which the loan is sought for each crop which is a basic part of an applicant's total farming operation, if such insurance is available, unless the applicant executes a written waiver of any emergency crop loss assistance with respect to such crop.

(2) *Exception.* Growing crops used to provide adequate security must be covered by crop insurance if such insurance is available.

(e) *Indemnities.* A borrower must:

(1) List the Agency as loss payee for the insurance indemnity payment or as a beneficiary of a mortgagee loss payable clause; and

(2) In the case of crop insurance, execute an assignment of indemnity in favor of the Agency.

§ 764.11 Charges and fees.

The applicant must pay all filing, recording, notary, and lien search fees necessary to process and close a loan. The applicant may pay or be reimbursed for these fees from Emergency loan funds.